

GRIMM ALFALFA SAFEST TO GROW IN THIS DISTRICT

It may be of interest to some of the readers of this mail to learn that the southern grown common alfalfa seed, as well as the seed of the red, white, alaska, and sweet clover, will be very cheap this year. The slump in the prices of these seeds has, of course, been caused somewhat by the drought in the prices of grain, but an additional reason seems to be that there is a reasonable surplus of these seeds in addition. When Utah and southern Idaho growers received from twenty-five to thirty cents per pound for their common alfalfa seed a year ago, the price they can secure for the same this year is only from twelve to fifteen cents per pound. The Montana growers, because of the supposed increased hardness of their common alfalfa seed, have a greater demand for their seed than the present indications are that they can make their surplus of common seed as from twenty to twenty-five cents per pound. After allowing for freight, duty, and exchange upon American funds, it is possible to lay down the twelve cent Utah and Idaho seed here to cost not over sixteen to twenty cents per pound. The harder northern grown Montana common alfalfa seed would cost from thirty to thirty-five cents per pound on the same basis. One should be able to purchase common alfalfa seed from local Canadian seedsmen grown in either of these districts for planting during the coming year at slightly above the prices indicated.

Grimm alfalfa seed has been advertised to such an extent during the past few years that the growers of a dependable strain of this seed have been able to maintain a high price. The county agents and agricultural colleges, both in the United States and Canada, for the past few years have been strongly urging the planting of this strain of seed both in the cold northern climates as well as in the eastern United States where frequent loss of the common strains have taken place through winter-killing. The Grimm strain seems to have given such a good account of itself where planted under right soil or climatic conditions that the demand for the seed seems to be so urgent that even in spite of the low prices for other farm commodities we can hardly expect cheap Grimm seed of a dependable origin, for some time yet to come. In view of the wide variation which is more pronounced this year than last, between the price of Grimm alfalfa seed and that of the common southern grown strains, there will be a greater temptation this year for the farmers of this district to plant a cheaper southern grown strain.

Realizing that this will be the case, it is thought that this is the time and place to bring prominently the common strains of alfalfa.

LATHOM.

Jack Passie spent a few days in Calgary last week.
A party was held at the home of Row Powell on the night of Saturday last.
Harry Smith arrived in Lathom last week. He was sporting a nose-tache upon his arrival but he soon found out that the girls of Lathom would rather be kissed with a clean upper lip so he shaved it off.
Miss Violet Bennett left for Calgary last Sunday night. She is now a stenographer in the Land Titles office.
Miss Dury-Warner is spending a few days with her parents here. She arrived from Calgary on the 14th.
We are pleased to announce that Gordon Walker of Lathom who has recently undergone a successful operation for appendicitis is progressing favorably.
Mr. Rogers left for Calgary last week to undergo an operation. We have not heard from him as yet.
The news that appeared under "Special Correspondence" from Lathom in a recent issue of the Mail, stating that Harry E. Walker "died" last week, was packing old history around in a suit case was not correct in view of Lathom's regular correspondence.

Grain Prices

What has been stronger recently and demand firm. Local elevator quotations are:
Wheat, No. 1 1.68
Oats, 2 northern 1.46
Flax 1.34
Rye 1.10

The most powerful town in all China, Chang Tso Lin, of Manchuria, is an ex-banish.



The above illustration shows the typical beards of burd-o'-Alberta's pioneer days

Series of Sermons

Rev. T. S. Pilon attended the meeting of the Presbytery at Medicine Hat this week.

Property Deal

Dr. E. K. Pilon, minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, announces a series of sermons dealing with the closing events in the history of our Lord's life. The series will be held just west of the town and is conducted in an excellent way, very particular attention being paid to the scriptures. Mr. Pilon is planning on putting in a milk machine and also installing light, so the dairy will be a model one. Bassano has no considerable commercial center, but which the town is supplied with pure milk.

Lumber Prices Down

Local lumber dealers inform The Mail that a big reduction in the price of lumber has gone into effect. The reduction varies from 20 per cent on common grades to 35 per cent on the more expensive lumber. The price of laths and shingles have been cut almost in half.

BUSINESS DONE BY HOSPITAL BOARD

The Hospital Board at the last meeting adopted the report of the management committee as submitted by A. L. Fryberger, chairman. The report contains the following recommendations:

That lighting in hospital be rearranged in accordance with report of Dr. Scott and that emergency lighting plant be installed.

That kind of Mrs. Maurer for loss of sewing machine be adjusted until such time the board is in a position to buy a machine.

That H. Marquardt fill coal cellar and secretary ask him to supply better coal.

That Mr. Maurer obtain suitable amount of tools for janitor's use. The Board decided to purchase an electric sander from Rev. Pilon, for \$150, payment to be made in 30 months.

No action was taken regarding the appointment of an auditor. This will be decided next meeting.

The board asked their solicitor to prepare an affidavit covering two disputes in dispute between the town and the Board. If Murray Smith is proved to be in the way of the hospital board will let the town have the decision.

A chart table purchased from the Harts Co. has proved useless and the Board instructed the secretary to meet the company's representative and then the matter out.

Nelson Furniture Co. and the Calgary Furniture Co., "deserted" to supply cork matting for the hospital corridors at approximately \$3.00 a yard. The matter was tabled until next meeting.

A man named Yerer, formerly employed by the United Electric Co., who was injured and in the hospital for some time still owes a bill of \$200. An report was made to collect from the company but it appears Yerer is ailing them and the company did not care to provide its own by paying the bill. On motion Mr. Maurer and Fryberger the matter was written off the books as hopeless.

Maternity cases in waiting cannot be charged more than the regular fee.

GLEICHEN TAKES GAME FROM BASSANO 5 TO 3

Gleichen won a hard fought hockey game from Bassano by the score 5-3 on local ice Wednesday night. This practically clinched the Bow Valley league for the Gleichen team which have not lost a league game this winter.

The visitors are a strictly "combination" team and it was this feature that won the game. The individual efforts of the local team were usually ineffective and only in one period, the last, did they show any superiority.

A lot of dissatisfaction was expressed with James, the referee who was probably a little inexperienced, but Gleichen won by playing good hockey.

McDonald and Currie scored for Bassano, the former getting two goals. High-class work on Ducks James part presented a goodly number of shots going into the Gleichen net.

BASSANO HOSPITAL PROVES GREAT BOON TO SICK OF DISTRICT

The Bassano Municipal Hospital has proven a great boon to sick and stricken humanity throughout a wide district during the short time it has been in operation. Citizens of the district hardly realize the relief from distress that has been occasioned by the hospital. In the last of winter, settlement and poorer conditions, proper medical care and attention to the sick is very limited and the toll of suffering and perhaps even death has at times been due to this cause. But here at Bassano the little municipal hospital, manned by a staff of self-sacrificing nurses, has done a wonderful lot to relieve these conditions. Local doctors are seldom in the country and what patients are given a better chance of recovery through being surrounded by proper conditions and given the care and treatment necessary to recovery.

One Year's Work.

Last year the Bassano hospital treated to three hundred and sixty-two patients. Of that number, 125 died, which gives the hospital a very serious record. It might be said that the majority of the fatalities were a few months in a day or so. The limits of the hospital's accommodation is 18 patients and at times the place has been crowded. It can easily be seen from these figures that the hospital fills a great need, and that this will become more evident as time goes on.

Welcome Donations.

At present the work of caring for the sick at the hospital is carried on under circumstances of a handicapped, owing to the lack of facilities that will be arranged for later when the young

SOUTHERN FARMERS DEMAND RAILWAY

D. C. Coleman, vice-president of the C.P.R., publicly announced a department of the C.P.R. is being organized to look after the needs of the Southern Farmers. The road would be pushed through the only into and start would be made this coming summer. This road runs about thirty miles south of Bassano and the farmers there have been working under a bad handicap for years in having to haul such a distance to a railway line. While the people of Bassano have welcomed the visits and trade of these farmers and would be sorry to lose them, it is not fair or right that they should be forced to farm under such disadvantageous circumstances. The day has come by when farmers should be forced to travel such distances to market their crops.

A big department of farmers from the district affected are Mr. C. Coleman last week. Hon. C. R. Mitchell presented the case for the department who stated that 34 farmers there had an average of 25 miles to travel to market and that last year they produced two and a half million bushels of wheat, half a million bushels of oats, and a quarter of a million bushels of other grains.

In tonage this represented 86,000 tons, which at present freight rates would be a loss of \$40,000 to the C.P.R. but this was really less than

New Firm To Start In Business Here

The former bar-room of the Albert hotel has been remodelled into a store premises and Oscar Madill and Earl McNary are opening a grocery store and ice cream parlor there. They expect to be ready for business in a month or six weeks' time. These young men have been residents of town for some years and have the best wishes of their friends in their new undertaking.

CARD OF THANKS

To those who so kindly assisted and extended sympathy during my trip of office through the death of my dear wife, I extend my sincere thanks.

BORN

McDONALD.—On February 10th at the Bassano hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry McDonald, a son.

Homing pigeons which were used as messengers during the war, came first from Belgium.

Local News

Miss Fisk and Miss Leahy spent the week-end in Calgary.
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Johnston were in Calgary this week.
Two communications have been unavoidably held over until next issue.
Mrs. A. E. Boober, of Lewiston, Idaho, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. Craig of town.
Service in Anglican church Friday evening and Sunday evening.
Sheriff McGregor was in Calgary last week. This item was mislead by our reporter last week and we hasten to remedy the oversight so that we can keep in the sheriff's good graces.
The Anglican Boys Club are putting up a tent in the former Quebec bank building on Saturday, Feb. 20th. The proceeds are for the purchase of equipment. The boys say they can put on as good a tea as the girls.
About 25 per cent. of all messages entrusted to British pigeons during the war were safely delivered.
A bombing pigeon had been known to fly 1,000 miles from Rome, Italy, to Durham, England.

Some Ages of the Blackfeet

AND THEIR HALF BROTHERS
RELATED BY ONE WHO DWELT LONG AMONGST
THEM—PICTURESQUE TRADITIONS AND
LEGENDS OF THE NATIVES OF THE
WESTERN PLAINS

COMING OVER THE HILL
TELLS A TALE AT HIS
OWN FIRE SIDE—THE
YOUNG BRAVES STEAL
HORSES FROM THE
BLACKFEET—THE PUR-
SUIT—THREE DAYS IN A
BUFFALO SKELETON—A
SLEEPING SIOUX—WELL-
COME HOME.

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A Long Lived Indian

It is no mean privilege to have talked, in the second decade of the twentieth century, with an Indian who was born in the last decade of the eighteenth century, a Canadian Indian who has lived under the reign of six British sovereigns, George III, George IV, WILLIAM IV, Victoria, Edward VII, and George V. For 77 years this Indian, who died only two years ago, was a witness to the rule of the Hudson's Bay Company, whose sovereignty terminated with the transfer in 1870 of Rupert's Land from the company to the Dominion of Canada.

Such an Indian was my old friend "Sack-U-ay," or "Coming Over the Hill." He was a simple fellow but at the time of his death, two years ago, he was considerably over 120 years of age.

In connection with life among the Cree Indians, there is perhaps nothing more interesting than their stories of the events in bygone days.

These tales usually related either to battles fought in the white Blackfoot, or to horse-stealing in times of peace. The number of scalps brought home by the victors was invariably mentioned, as well as the number of young women captured and brought along as wives for the victors.

One gratifying feature of this wife-stealing practice was that young women were never scalped—this tale being told from the men and aged women only.

By the Fireside

It was often my privilege, during long winter evenings of the late eighties, and early nineties, to drop into the home of "Sack-U-ay," and while the dry logs crackled in the fireplace, and the hot blaze roared on its way up the mud chimney, we would listen to his well told tales. But let Sack-U-ay speak for himself.

Peace With The Blackfoot

"When I was 18 years of age my parents with others of our tribe, were camped at Mc-Nat-o-kok (Cypress Hills). For the third month of the New Year, for many moons our enemies, the Blackfeet, had not troubled us, and our young men were impatient for something exciting to happen. Our blood was hot, we wanted for the warpath, but the wise men and councilors would not consent. So there was only one thing for us to do. If we could not go to war and capture young wives, we could steal horses."

Off With The Steals

"Five others with myself, the eldest only 22 years of age, made up a party to go south on foot. We took with us a larvate case, made from untanned buffalo hide, and our bows and arrows."

"On these we must depend for food to keep us alive. We were led always by night, hiding through the day, taking turns in sleeping and watching, as a guard against attack from an enemy or from wild animals."

Crossing Milk River

"At the end of five days we reached Milk River, more than 100 miles from our home camp. The ice in Milk River was just breaking up. We crossed on the ice floes, many times falling, and into the water, owing to the darkness of the night."

"When we reached the other side our bodies were cut and bleeding from being crushed among the floating ice."

The Blackfoot Camp

"Three moons came and went before we found a Blackfoot camp which we located in a long deep valley. By this time we had come in sight of the Lofly Hills—the Atsine (Yellow-Backed) Mountains). All day we slept and watched on top of a high hill. Some time after dark dancing began in the Blackfoot camp. I determined to go down and join them. I could do this easily because some time before when I

some could be seen rising into the air.

"I had come upon a camp of Sioux Indians. By waiting until the evening dance began I had a chance to find their herd of horses, cut off 30 head, and start for home."

Home At Last

"As night came on again I was within sight of my home camp. As I drew near I heard my friends chanting the death wail, having been told that I was killed by the Blackfeet. I slept out all night and before the sun crept into sight I rode into camp with my thirty horses."

"All were glad to see me, and I have not forgotten the young women who crowded around me, each one trying to be the first to kiss me."

A New Educational System is Necessary

Discussion of Radical Changes in Rural System and General Administration

"The annual convention of the Saskatchewan School Trustees Association will be held in the Third Avenue Methodist Church, Saskatoon, on February 23rd, 24th and 25th next."

Matters which vitally affect every School District in the Province will be under consideration at this convention, and it is extremely important that every School District be represented so that they may be able to express their views on these important questions."

(1) Municipal School Administration. The chairman of the First School Board in Manitoba will be present to explain the system and how it works out in Manitoba.

The Report of the Assessment and Taxation Commission of the province will be the following report on our present system of rural schools:

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CURRENT COMMENT

ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST TO DWELLERS
IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES OF CANADA.

A SERIES OF ARTICLES DEALING WITH VARIOUS
WESTERN QUESTIONS

THE STORY OF INDIA.

In view of the unrest in India, of which we have been reading lately, we think a little information regarding this vast country, of which so many people know very little, would not be out of place in our pages.

The people of India are very unlike ourselves as regards their language, their clothing and their religions, but at heart we venture to say India is no different to the rest of humanity, and the people of India hope and suffer and live and die just as do the white people of the earth.

In the first place, India lies on the south side of the continent of Asia, and in it there are nearly three hundred millions of people. These millions are ruled by a few thousands of English people, because India belongs to the British Empire.

India is not only a very big country in itself, but its mountains and rivers and plains are on a very large scale. The highest mountain in the world, Mount Everest, is on the Indian frontier. There are enormous rivers, the Indus and the Ganges, and also the biggest kind of wild animals live there—elephants, lions, leopards and tigers, and fierce wild cattle with mighty horns and crocodiles in the rivers, which drag down men and cattle if they catch them; snakes large and small, including the most terrible of all, the cobra, for whose bite there is no cure. The heat in India scorches with a heat that can hardly be imagined in rain falls in rushing torrents, such as we seldom see in this country, even in the worst thunder storms.

It is impossible to get to India at all except by sea, as you may discover by examining any map; or by making a way through the mountains. The mountains are so high and so difficult to get through that there are really only two passes which armies have been able to get into India, and both these are on the northwest side. If they are well guarded an enemy cannot force his way through, and an invader cannot get into India unless he comes across the sea. There, you see is a very good reason why the people who inhabit India grew up apart from other nations, and as to be so unlike them in customs and manner. The sea and the mountains have been a barrier between the Empire of India and the rest of the world.

India is a very hot country. Sometimes, in winter, up among the high barrier mountains—which can hardly be said to be in India really—it is quite cold, but all other places, even the coolest are much warmer than in England; and in all the great plains where the rivers flow, and still more so in those plains where there are no rivers, it is always hot. The heat is so trying that many Europeans get ill if they stay long, so that English people have taken to going "to the hills" in the hot weather, or at least to sending their wives and children to the hills, if they themselves have to stay behind; it is hardly safe to go out of doors except early in the morning and late in the evening. Indeed there are very few places in India where it is possible for English children to grow up strong and healthy, so that when Englishmen in India marry they know that it is just a question of time before they will have to send their children home to be brought up in England, and that their wives will often have to choose between being parted from their children, and being parted from their husbands.

There are many great cities in India, of which the largest is Calcutta. In olden times and indeed, until a short time ago, the British people who were at the head of the government in India used to live at Calcutta the year around; but now they live at Delhi during the winter and at Simla during the hot season.

How the Cities Grew Up

In India most of the people make their living by tilling the soil, which grows rice, wheat or millet. The big cities grew up because emperors and kings found they were convenient places in which to build their palaces as they could be well fortified; and as the kings lived there with their courts, men collected around them, that the people of the court might buy their goods and that they might be protected against robbers or the raids of enemies. Other cities grew up in spots which were held sacred as sometimes in Europe towns grew more quickly where there was a famous cathedral or abbey. So that the largest towns, except the few ports, were generally at one time either the capital of a kingdom, or places to which people went on pilgrimages or strong fortresses.

There are not many manufactures in India, and so you can travel immense distances without seeing a large city, and in other places where in ancient times great cities have stood are the ruins of buildings that were once magnificent.

Then the Fun Begun



The People in India

About one in every thousand people in India is white, all the natives have brown skins, which are of various shades, from light brown, but all brown and there are a thousand shades of the "brown European". Out of them all one-quarter are Christians; nearly three-quarters are Hindus; one-quarter Mohammedans, or as they are often called, Mussulman, who believe in the teaching of Mahomet.

The Great Division

The Mussulmans think of themselves as descended from a race of victorious soldiers, who have been rulers of the country in the past, and there is a great division between them and the Hindus, whom they look upon as infidels. Hindus and Mussulmans keep separate, they do not marry each other, and in many parts, even under British rule, they can hardly be kept from fighting with each other.

A Terrible Practice and "Caste"

Less than a hundred years ago there was a shocking practice among the Hindus. When a man died his body was burned and the custom was for the widow, if she wished to be thought very virtuous, to burn herself, because they belonged to the same pyre. This was supposed to bring some great good to the husband in the life to come and so the widows were often forced to do this by the dead man's kinsfolk. This, however, is never done now as it has been stopped by the British.

The most remarkable custom among the Hindus, and the one which most works against the progress of the Indian as a citizen, is what is called "caste". In ancient times there were four divisions, each of which kept separate from the others and married wives who belonged to their own division or particular caste; and the children were of the parents' caste. The priests and teachers belonged to one caste called Brahmins; and the soldiers to another. These, and also the third caste were parts of a race which conquered most of India; but the fourth caste were considered as base born, because they belonged to the conquered peoples; and the conquerors believed that they were not only superior in this world, but would be superior also in the next life. Among themselves they supposed the Brahmins were superior to all others and the warriors to the third caste. If a man broke certain laws, even if he were not to blame, he was degraded from his own caste, and became no better than one of the base born; therefore it was held to be a terrible thing to lose caste.

A Great Number of Divisions

In time each of these great castes broke up into a number of smaller castes, which are just as particular about not marrying into other castes. High caste people will not touch food cooked by low caste people; and if people eat certain kinds of food; if they cross the sea or do many other things which seem to us not to matter at all, they lose their caste, and can only save themselves by suffering certain punishments. There is nothing the Hindus fear as much as doing anything which will cause him to lose caste and there has often been trouble because Europeans, not realizing how important this is to them, have made rules for soldiers or given orders to servants against the caste rules.

There are also sacred animals in India. The most sacred of all is the cow, and to kill or injure a cow is a terrible sin in the eyes of a Hindu. But on the other hand the Mussulmans think it a sin to hold animals sacred or to pay honor to images and idols.

British Rule

All these Hindus and Mussulmans are ruled over by the British. In about half the country all the people who look after the Government are British, except that a few natives are allowed to share in the work.

The other half of India is made up of a number of native states, ruled over by their own native princes, who generally have the title of Rajah or Maharajah, and these princes have their own armies, although they are not allowed to have a sufficient number of soldiers to become dangerous. A British officer, who may be either a soldier or a member of the civil service, lives near the court of these princes. Sometimes he is called the Resident and sometimes the Agent. It is his business to see that the native princes govern properly, though he does not interfere unless they govern really badly; and it is his business also to give advice and to keep the Viceroy of India and his council informed about everything of importance that is going on.

Loyal to the British Flag

At the head of the whole Government of India is the Viceroy or Governor General and his council; and when the Viceroy says that a native prince must do this, or must do that, the prince must obey. How it came about that these native states were built up; how the British first became rulers of one big of India 150 years ago; how they did it and go on bringing one province after another under their own rule, is a story too long to tell in full; but the obedience of all the native states, we will tell in next week's issue.

(To be continued)

SAFETY ON THE PRAIRIES

A Nebraska paper speaks of people getting lost on the prairie in this country in the winter time, and suffering from exposure to the cold, as though that were a fate unavoidable by the dwellers in Western Canada. In the prairie states, on the other side of the international line it is true, indeed, that raging blizzards originate in midwinter so suddenly as to cyclones do in midsummer, and cause disasters unavoidable by even the most careful. But in Western Canada, common, ordinary precautions will ensure safety. To be sure, at night a newly settled prairie region offers no land mark for the unwary traveler who is attempting to make a shortcut home. If it is a summer night, the wayfarer who gets lost suffers no serious misadventure, but to get lost on the prairie in midwinter may be a serious matter. As far as the country fills with settlers, danger of this kind to the inexperienced is minimized by the frequency of buildings and fences. The land agent of the Dominion was elected one of the new settlers to learn is to

Howe Breeders Desire Financial Assistance

At the annual meeting of the Dominion Thoroughbred Horsebreeders' Association in Toronto, a report was presented touching upon the serious losses suffered through the war, and deplored the fact that the splendid opportunity which stallion owners had enjoyed in Ontario of securing animals of size, quality and substance from large breeding establishments was withdrawn. It was pointed out that the situation, that financial assistance would be required to encourage stallion owners to breed again. Ed Adams of Ontario was elected one of the new settlers to learn is to

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Only goods of High Grade Quality stocked. Try our well known Special Tea at 75c per lb. All new Tea just in, Blue Ribbon, Salada, Red Rose, per lb. 60c

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Our invariable custom is to keep our merchandise priced in harmony with the going market.

General commodity prices are going down. The trend downward which was bound to come after an exhaustive advance has begun to tell. In line with two previous reductions this fall, we have adopted a new low price list which is a reduction from \$2.00 to \$1.50 per thousand from the extreme high point last spring.

On goods that have actually declined in price, you are getting the full benefit on the decline. On other items we are anticipating lower values in making a price close to cost, and in some cases lower than the original wholesale cost.

The policy of this Company is to co-operate with you. Lots of dollars and cents at a time like this on our part is part and parcel of our partnership with the public.

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You will soon be thinking of Spring Clothing

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ALBERTA

WORLD SHORTAGE OF MEATS

It is estimated that the world requires fifty billion pounds of meat annually and that while the population is increasing by 50,000,000 (that is from 500,000,000 to 550,000,000) between the years 1931 and 1941, cattle, sheep and pigs, combined only, increased 40,000,000 (that is from 500,000,000 to 540,000,000). This of course indicates that there is not only a shortage of meat in the world now, but that as the years go by it must become greater.

Dealing with this subject in an illuminating article in the December number of the Agricultural Gazette of Canada, Mr. P. E. Light, chief of the markets intelligence division, Ottawa, points out that general economic progress as well as the increase of human population and the status of living, in the consuming world makes fresh demands upon available lands and tends to bring about a relative decline in the output of animal products.

This decline must be offset by an extension in live-stock production sufficient to meet increased consumption demand. An great augmentation of population in Canada at the present time would find us in a situation where we would either be severely taxed to provide for the total domestic demand, or else compelled to curtail our export trade.

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THE BASSANO MAIL

The hairs of the head have been estimated to number eighty-nine thousand two hundred and eighty. If a lady's hair is half a yard in length she will have about 325,000 feet of hair.

Cheap Farm for Immediate Sale

Two and a quarter Sections, unimproved, in the vicinity of Bassano being Sects on 23, 26 and the North West Quarter of Section 14, Township 25, Range 17, West 4th Meridian, for \$24,000. Terms \$12,000.00 cash, balance one year, interest 6%. This land much cheaper than any other land in vicinity. Apply Macleod Robertson Smith & Co., Solicitors for the registered owner, Sixth Floor, Canada Life Building, Calgary, Alberta. 23-25-c

A huge sea monster was seen off the Florida coast. Since prohibition came into effect these creatures have changed their habitat and moved down towards Cuba where the banders, harp on the shores as usual.

Henry Ford has started out to make milk out of machinery. If he could catch the Ford case, to give milk farmers some would be less inclined to go to the cities.

The latest report on the world's wheat pool gives little hope for a rise in prices. In fact the indications are that a further decline will take place if trade is resumed with Russia.

We may be lacking in the study of economics, but in view of the awful famine raging in China, we cannot understand why such food as flour and eggs should be shipped out of that stricken country. Cables report big shipments of Chinese food arriving in England and vast quantities of Chinese eggs being brought to our own country.

TO SETTLE AN ESTATE

Bassano District

100 acres of land one mile from railroad, one half irrigated, about 75 acres has been cultivated, no house, barn for 6 or 8 head of stock, fenced, price reduced to \$3,000; \$3,000 will handle.

The Imperial Canadian Trust Co., Farm Lands Department.

Macdon. 277 8th Ave West
Calgary 23-25

POSITION WANTED—Man and wife (no children) would like place on a farm or ranch where they could keep two or three cows, a brood sow and some chickens of their own, both are capable and reliable and would consider any proposition. Man is gas tractor operator with field experience. Address J. H. Hutzler, Strathmore, Alta. 23-3p

WANTED: Work by the day. Apply Mrs. W. CLARK, General Delivery, Bassano.

FOR SALE

Hay press for sale, 17-22 h.p., first-class condition. 24 1/2 Hart Parr engine for sale. R. P. Robinson, box 291, Bassano. 231c

I have just from C. Fryberger's Farm, Cecil Colony, Alta. last June: one bay gelding, 4 white legs, white face, age 8 years, weight 1200 lbs., branded on cut on left shoulder TK. Also one bay mare, one white hind foot, white strip down face, age 10 years, weight 1200 lbs., branded on cut on left shoulder. Any person delivering these horses to the Exchange Stables, Bassano will receive \$15 reward from owner F. Bradnam, Bassano. 23p

THRESHING WANTED—We are in a position to do flax threshing anywhere in the district. Apply to Mrs. Rosemary. 22 4p

WANTED TO RENT - Equipped farm by experienced farmer, on shares. A 1 experience. J. H. Mac, Hussar. 22 24

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Bassano Municipal Hospital District No. 6.

Any person coming into the district at any time who is a non-ratepayer may, by paying \$6.40 to the undersigned within sixty days of his or her arrival, be entitled to ratepayer's privileges should he or she find it necessary to use aforesaid hospital.

H. W. FORD, Sec.-Treas.
Bassano, Alberta.

GOING TO SWARM

High River Times: The country will be flooded with bees, triplets and quadruplets in the next six years is the prediction of a Professor Kersch of Milwaukee. He says that the confusion of certain strains with the new moon shows conclusively that the world will be started by the fecundity of all human races in the next four years especially.

We are told this information is causing consternation among the newly weds.

A white powder made from the kernels of peach stones is the most popular cough medicine among the Chinese.

PREMONITION OR

COINCIDENCE?

Ontario Farmer Dreams His Son Was Killed by Sleigh—That Morning Boy Met His Death.

Bingham Point, Ont.—John Miller, blacksmith, refused to let his five year old son, Kenny, take out his sled because of a dream in which he saw his son lying dead beside an overturned sled. In catching on, a farmer's sleigh that morning the last slipped beneath it and was instantly killed.

Some London, England, restaurants are offering to supply free of cost the recipe and cooking instructions of any item on the menu that pleases their patrons.

GEM THEATRE PROGRAM

MONDAY and TUESDAY

Big Special

"Palace of Darkened Windows"

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

Elsie Ferguson in

"Lady Rose's Daughter"

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Madge Kennedy in

"The Blooming Angel"

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Timely Advise

Spring will soon be here with its hurry and rush. If your car is not in good shape it will be best for you to bring it in now. The best attention and a thorough examination will be given. Expert knowledge combined with up-to-date machinery, gives you the best service in car repair.

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THE MAIL - BASSANO

Pithy Paragons for Busy People

THE WEEK'S NEWS IN TERSE TERMS

Whalers to Stay South
The whaling fleet of the Consolidated Whaling Company with offices in Victoria and Seattle, will not be sent north this season, owing to the present tendency in the oil situation throughout the American continent, according to a statement filed by C. L. Macquand, local manager. "We don't think that whalers are going out this year on account of the low price of oil," he said.

Killed by Negro
Mrs. Joseph Chernock, 35 years of age, was murdered recently in her home on Old Gate Lane, Milford, Conn., by an unidentified man believed to be a negro. Police, armed and with guns quickly gathered and it is believed they have surrounded the murderer in a weed patch.

Sugar Prices Slip
Atlantic's Bros., of New York, last week quoted fine granulated sugar at seven cents per pound, a reduction of 16-cent. The Federal Sugar Refining Company announced a further reduction of 15 points, bringing the price down to 64½ cents a pound, the lowest figure reached in over two years. Sugar is retailing in New York at from eight to ten cents per pound.

Mad Dog Seize Impetus to Runner
George Dudley was recently captured in a walking race at Fleet, Hampshire, England, when a mad, untrained dog rushed out of a doorway and bit him. Being provoked, the dog district, Dudley increased his speed and reached an army ambulance depot which happened to be exactly opposite the winning post. Dudley had the bite attended to and afterwards discovered that he had won the race with 100 yards to spare.

Died Standing Up
The dead body of Charles Edwards, a returned soldier was found leaning against the wall of the Windsor Station, Montreal, recently, and was discovered when a passerby touched it and it fell to the ground.

Minister Dies
Rev. John Semmen, pioneer Methodist minister aged 72, died in his home recently. For many years he had charge of the missionary stations at his denomination at Norway House and other isolated posts in Northern Manitoba.

Buffalo For Alberta
In a list of suggestions to the Calgary Board of Trade, S. C. Freese, a prominent merchant, urged that part of the Wainwright buffer herd be brought to the Sarcee National Reserve which adjoins the city and which furnishes thousands of acres of ideal range.

Legalize Out of Wedlock Births
In the Legislature, in Toronto, last week, General Reay introduced a bill providing that if the parents of any child heretofore or hereafter born out of wedlock, have heretofore married or hereafter intermarried, such child shall for all purposes be deemed to be and have legitimate status from the time of birth.

Room Prosecutions Postponed
Plans of the Saskatchewan Liquor Commission to prosecute local companies and individuals, have been laid up by the mysterious disappearance of William Craig, employed as a "getter" by prohibition enforcement officers. Before vanishing, Craig is found to have consumed a bottle of evidence. Another enforcement officer testified that he and four officers had opened a bottle of seized liquor "just to taste it." Questioned as to the whereabouts of Craig, one man declared: "By this time he's probably strumming a ukulele on the beach at Waikiki."

Meeting of Unemployed
A mass meeting of some 300 unemployed in Calgary recently passed a resolution, favoring the operation of trade with Soviet Russia as a means of providing industrial development and solving the unemployment problem. For publicity purposes, the meeting decided upon a delegation to the city hall to ask that public works be started for the relief of the unemployed.

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Disappearing Lighthouse
The Royal Agricultural Society have decided to attend the 1920th Conference to be held in London, on the question of the lighthouse as Canadian sites. The society has proposed to visit the lighthouse.

Prohibit German Film
The Ontario Film Commission appeal by a returned soldier, the Board of Censorship in Toronto, decided to ask the police commission to prohibit the showing of a German film in a local theater.

Next Lieutenant-Governor
An appointment to the Lieutenant-Governorship of Saskatchewan is not likely to be made for a few weeks. It is understood that Mr. Justice Newlands who is wintering in the West Indies, will step off at Ottawa on his way back to Regina, and it is said he will be appointed if matters relating to his judicial position are adjusted to his satisfaction.

Skeleton Discovered at Winnipeg
A skeleton unearthed by workmen from a bed of gravel four miles east of Trancoona, may be that of Thomas McFadden, a former Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, the judicial position was waived during his tenure of office. After his term a complete it will be available again for the rest of his life.

Stop Dependents' Money
The Soldier Settlement Board has decided to discontinue the payment of subsistence allowance to dependents of returned soldiers taking a course of instruction to qualify for a loan under the Soldier Settlement Act.

Food Losses
The recurrent of battles in the Michigan State Election of 1918 finished recently by the Senate elections caused left Senator Newberry, Republican, to lose his seat. Mr. Ford made a net gain of 3,232 votes by the recount, but Senator Newberry's original plurality was 7,566.

Mich Cows in Alberta
The Government tuberculosis test on cattle in the Calgary district are bringing out the startling fact that from 50 to 70 per cent. of southern Alberta's herd of Mich cows react positively to the tuberculosis test. This was the statement made by officials of the Milk Distributors' Association.

Half Billion Necessary
The Government has a billion dollars will be required to complete the U. S. naval building program embarked upon in 1916. The House appropriations committee estimate in reappropriating naval appropriations bill for the year 1922. The committee says that while the total cost of completing the program was originally planned to be completed for \$544,700,000; increased cost of materials and labor probably would increase the total cost to \$722,931,000 of which \$518,270,000 has been appropriated. The 1916 program authorized 156 ships. Many of these have been completed but 17 battleships and battle cruisers and a number of auxiliaries still are under construction.

To Build Flying Boat Base
The Dominion Government is interested in constructing a flying boat base on the Peace River country and for this purpose Captain "Nick" Carter recently employed in connection with forest patrol work, in the District being used to supply a speedy route to the new field all under the direction of the Federal Government.

City Employees Asking Wage Increases
The first attempt to secure an increase in wages of the municipal employees of Calgary, met with failure, for the city fathers who have pledged an economic administration could not see their way clear to approve any increases at the present time.

Apprehends Himself
The body of Professor Thomas Lynn Bradford was found in his room in Detroit last week, with the gas turned on. Nearly were several typewritten sheets on the subject "Can the dead communicate with the living?"

Trial For Convicting Funds
Harry Avery, formerly station agent for the Grand Trunk Pacific at Lenoir, Sask., was committed for trial when he was arrested before J. C. MacEwen, in the Provincial Police Court last week, on two charges of theft by conversion. One charge was of the theft of \$562.27 from the railway, and the other of \$607.41 from the Canadian Express Company at Lenoir.

Mother Smothered
Mrs. Hugh Haggie and her three children all baby were suffocated in their home last night in the morning when the baby and mother in the room in which they had been sleeping caught fire which it is believed started from a lighted cigarette. Mrs. Haggie was the wife of the city magistrate.

Plot to Dynamite Scotland Yard
It is reported that secret service agents discovered a plot to blow up Old Scotland Yard in London, which is being used as a recruiting depot for the Royal Irish Constabulary. The news reports state that the plot was for the constabulary to pose as recruits and leave their overcoats in which powerful time bombs were to be concealed in the building, but according to the report the constabulary officers failed at the last minute.

Big Food For Families
Many cities and towns in the Dominion have failed to take advantage of the Federal Government's offer to loan one-third of the cost of relief for destitute families. In this connection there have been a number of statements of the conditions of affairs in 'Brookville,' Ontario. The statement describes conditions which compare with those in war-torn Ukraine and Armenia, of children gathered in blankets and wearing bags about their legs. The women were forced to dress in the remnants of their husbands' clothes in order to keep warm, and men begging with their hands for food for themselves and families.

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Indian Hold Dukes Sued
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Local and Personal

Monday last was St. Valentine's day.

Miss Raven was in Calgary this week.

Eggs are reported dropping in price in Calgary.

Mrs. Beckin returned from the winter carnival at Banff.

Mr. and Mrs. McKee were in Calgary this week for a few days.

The machinery for the retail electric lighting plant is being installed now.

There is an epidemic of measles prevalent in the district at the present time.

Mrs. E. E. Tidal has returned from city to Vernon where she has been visiting friends.

Miss Curtis left last week for New Westminster, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Curtis for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Travis and Mrs. Lee were in Calgary this week to see Martin Harvey's production.

A local mathematician figured up the average ages of the Bassano senior hockey team to be 23 years.

Wm. McLane, of Burn, Mayor of McLean staff, was called to Calgary owing to his mother's illness, Friday last.

The Bow Valley League game scheduled for last Friday at Gleichen between Bassano and Gleichen was postponed.

Mrs. E. A. Beck was in Calgary this week attending the wedding of Miss Marion Hutchings, to Ralph B. Baird, of Brooks.

The Voyageur class of the Presbyterian Sunday school raised over \$25 at the tea and sale of candy held last Saturday in the church.

Mrs. Lee is the newly elected president of the Bassano Women's Institute. The office was made vacant by the death of the late Mrs. A. Q. Bond.

Lawrence Helmer, secretary of the Municipal District of Bowry, was in town this week from Natchley in connection with the audit of the municipal books by H. W. Ford.

A. G. Bond and little son returned from the east on Sunday where they went to the funeral of the late Mrs. A. G. Bond. There many friends are glad to see them back in Bassano again.

John Scott and Mr. Nicholls, of Patricia were in Bassano for a few hours on their way to Calgary. Both are proud fathers of baby boys and are going to the city to see their sons for the first time.

D. W. Thornton, of Rochfort, Alberta, arrived in town last Saturday to take the position of discount clerk in the local branch of the Bank of Commerce, left vacant by the transferring of B. G. Cooper to Calgary.

Louis Lacombe, a half breed boy of Brooks, was killed by the accidental explosion of a shotgun last week. He was driving a lady passenger to Stewville and had got out to shovel away the snow from the wheels. He slipped the task and threw the shovel into the back compartment, exploding the shotgun.

Messrs. Book and Jacobson of the irrigation experimentation branch of the C.P.R. department of natural resources have been addressing meetings in the district with the view to arousing enthusiasm in the district school fair. In other centres these facts have been tremendously successful and the schools are taking an interest in the matter here.

Sustains Broken Arm.

Scott Olling, one of the contractors on the new roundhouse being built by the C.P.R., sustained a broken arm on Monday morning, when he fell from a ladder to the ground. He was doing some brick-laying at the time and in some manner lost his footing on the ladder.

The injured man was taken to the local hospital for treatment. The roughest weather of the winter came upon Southern Alberta early in the week. High northerly winds with blinding snow prevailed and soon the country was once again covered with a white mantle. Only last week the warm winds had melted the snow in too rivulets and the roads were heavy with mud. A contest seemed to prevail between the warm southwest wind and the cold northerly breeze, the latter finally triumphing. However, it is too late in the season to expect much cold weather and the present spell will hardly last long. In another month preparations for crop farm work will be commenced in earnest and soon the seed time will be here once again.

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